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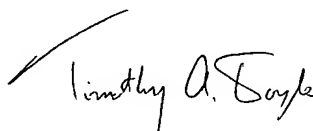
Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 34 and 42-60 are pending in the application, with claims 34, 55, and 58 being the independent claims. Claim 34 is sought to be amended. Claims 35-41 are sought to be canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New claims 42-60 are sought to be added. These changes are believed to be fully supported by the specification and are not believed to introduce new matter. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the amendments and additions be entered by the Examiner.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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